

## REMARKS

Reconsideration based on the above amendments and following remarks is respectfully requested.

Claims 6-14 are pending. By this Amendment, Claims 6, 8, 9, 11 and 12 are amended. No new matter has been added.

Applicants respectfully request the Examiner to initial and return the PTO-1449 filed with the April 23, 2007 Information Disclosure Statement. A copy of the PTO-1449 is attached hereto for the Examiner's convenience.

The Office Action rejects claims 6-8 and 11-14 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) over U.S. Patent No. 4,729,059 to *Wang* in view of U.S. Patent No. 7,186,916 to *Jacks* and Claims 9 and 10 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) over *Wang* and *Jacks* and further in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,765,147 to *Weiss et al.* These rejections are respectfully traversed.

Claim 6 recites, in combination with other claimed features, a terminal box comprising a case having a removal knockout type cable cover, an outer lid, and an inner lid configured to cover an electric circuit that is housed in the case. A cable base is provided in the case for insertion of an output cable. Claim 6 is amended to recite that the inner lid is fixed onto the cable base by a screw such that the output cable is held between the cable base and the inner lid that have been fixed to each other by the screw. This amendment is made to make that which was implicit, explicit.

*Wang* is directed to a telephone connection box including box 1, connection base 4 and lids 2 and 3. A telephone line connects through surge protector 5 to connection base 4. Holes 11 and 11' are provided in the side of the box and

telephone wire extends through hole 11, and the line to the user's telephone extends through hole 11'. The telephone line wire extends to the line equipment base 44 and insertion base or sockets 43 and 43'.

Applicants respectfully disagree with the Office Action's assertion that *Wang* discloses a removal knockout type cable cover arranged in a case and an output cable held between the cable base and the inner lid, and the inner lid fixed by screws onto the cable base as recited in Applicants' Claim 6.

These claim features encompass Applicants' embodiment illustrated in Figs. 6 and 4, respectively. Fig. 6 is a cross section of a removal cable cover that is a knockout type. The removal cable cover 7 is arranged in a side plate 1b and includes an annular groove 7a and a disk part 7c that is connected to the side plate 1a through a thin part 7b that is formed in a bottom of the annular groove 7a. The disk part 7c is removed because the thin part 7b gets ruptured, for example by knocking with a hammer.

In the Applicants' embodiment shown in Fig. 4, each of a positive output cable and a negative output cable is fit in each of two concave gaps 8a in the cable base 8. The output cables that are fit in concave gaps 8a are held between the cable base 8 and the convex tip 2a of the inner lid. The inner lid 2 and the output cables are fixed by putting a mounting screw 10 in each of the holes on both sides of the convex tip 2a, and screwing into screw holes 8b that are prepared on both sides of the cable base 8.

*Wang* discloses that elements 11 and 11' are merely holes. Furthermore, lid 3 is attached to the screw hole shown to the left of the connection base shown in Fig. 2 via screw fitting 1. The telephone line wire is connected via plug inserts 61, 61' and

sockets 43, 43'. Thus, *Wang* does not disclose a removal knockout type cable cover arranged in the case and an output cable held between a cable base and the inner lid, and the inner lid fixed by screws onto the cable base as in Applicants' independent Claim 6.

*Jacks* and *Weiss* do not overcome the deficiency of *Wang* noted above.

The remaining dependent claims are allowable for at least the reasons discussed above, with respect to independent Claim 6 as well as for the individual features they recite.

Early and favorable action with respect to this application is respectfully requested.

Should any questions arise in connection with this application, or should the Examiner believe that a telephone conference with the undersigned would be helpful in resolving any remaining issues pertaining to this application, the undersigned respectfully requests that he be contacted at the number indicated below.

Respectfully submitted,

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